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A. (1) Applicant hereby discloses the following Foreign Patent Document(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98:

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| 1.              | JP 2000-120807 | April 28, 2000   | Tomio    |  |

- B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.
  - C. Explanation of Relevance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.
- 1. JP 2000-120807 published April 28, 2000, inventor Tomio, discloses a cable hose protecting and guiding chain.

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